

## GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

May 1, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Malm, Triplett, Murphy, Knauf, and Kvasager present.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the order of agenda adding Captain Wagner, Correctional Center Interim Administrator, after item number 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included employee status changes for Sarah D. Ganyo, Ronald Johanson, Tyler Larson, Dean Howes, William Westby, Shawn Thompson and Ashley Fouhy, bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #123851 thru Check #123898 and Check #124062 thru Check #124087 in the amount of \$132,150.14, approval of overtime and approval of application for game of chance permit for Harvest of Knowledge Conference. Motion carried.

Captain Wagner, Correctional Center Interim Administrator, addressed the board regarding the Altru Health System Agreement for Independent Contracted Services. The States Attorney will review and bring it to the next meeting.

Margaret Tweten, NDSU Extension Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to approve the in-kind support for the Family Nutrition Program during the granting period of October 2007 through September 2008. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Altru Health Fitness Assessments for Law Enforcement employees as follows: for all women over 55 years old, for all men over 45 years old, for all new hires and if it is medically necessary. Motion carried.

Al Lieberg, Arvilla Township Chairman, addressed the board regarding water issues in Arvilla Township. Mr. Lieberg was told that the Townships should appeal to FEMA.

Amber Sieber, Tax Equalization Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the abatement application for Elwood Braaten, c/o Jodee Hass on parcel number 7-0502-00006-000 and reduce the 2006 True and Full Value from \$48,000 to \$35,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the abatement applications for Paul & Christine Metz on parcel number 8-1804-00003-001 and reduce the 2005 True and Full Value from \$37,100 to \$12,500 and the 2006 True and Full Value from \$38,700 to \$12,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve, in part, the abatement applications for Henry & Delores Streifel on parcel number 8-3103-00004-000 and reduce the 2005 True and Full Value from \$122,900 to \$117,900 and the 2006 True and Full Value from \$127,900 to \$122,900. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to approve the abatement application for Lawrence Jahnke, Jr. on parcel number 17-4803-00006-000 and reduce the 2006 True and Full Value from \$412,800 to \$390,000. Motion carried.

Dean Dahl, Information Systems Director, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to approve the purchase of 10 monitors for the Recorder's Office to be paid from the Recorder's Technology Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to purchase a scanner for the Sheriff's Department for \$3,500 to be paid 50% by the Sheriff's Department budget and 50% by the Computer budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to put the air conditioners located in the network rooms in the Courthouse and County Office Building on the emergency generators for a cost of \$2,540, to be paid from the Capital Improvements line item. Motion carried.

Todd Mitzel, ICON Architectural Group, addressed the board.

Al Morkin, PSAP Director, addressed the board.

Duane Czapiewski, President PSAP Authority Board, addressed the board.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to hold a Special Election, as soon as possible, for bonding for the old Correctional Center remodel project and set the polling hours from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the following polling sites:

Emerado Community Hall, Emerado City (Shall be comprised of the Airbase, Chester, Oakville, Pleasant View and Mekinock Townships)

Gilby Community Center, Gilby City (Shall be comprised of Gilby City, Gilby, Johnstown, Levant and Lakeville Townships)

Inkster Fire Hall, Inkster City, (Shall be comprised of Inkster City, Agnes, Elkmount, Inkster, Strabane and Wheatfield Townships)

Larimore Senior Center, Larimore City (Shall be comprised of Larimore City, Arvilla, Hegton, Larimore and Moraine Township)

Manvel Senior Citizens Center, Manvel City (Shall be comprised of Manvel City, Ferry and Turtle River Townships)

Niagara Rural Fire Department, Niagara City (Shall be comprised of Niagara City, Elm Grove, Niagara and Plymouth Townships)

Northwood Community Center, Northwood City (Shall be comprised of Northwood City, Avon, Grace, Lind, Loretta, Logan Center, Northwood and Washington Townships)

Reynolds Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, Reynolds City (Shall be comprised of Reynolds City, Americus, Bentru, Michigan and Union Townships)

Thompson Community Center, Thompson City (Shall be comprised of Thompson City, Allendale, Fairfield and Walle Townships)

Alerus Center, Grand Forks City (Shall be comprised of Grand Forks City, Brenna, Falconer and Grand Forks Township.)

Motion carried with Kvasager, Murphy, Knauf, Triplett and Malm voting aye.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, requested that the Commission go into Executive Session to advise them on pending litigation case.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to recess for a closed executive session, pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2. It was 5:23pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn the executive session and resume the regular meeting. It was 5:40pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Murphy, to schedule an appeal hearing regarding Gary Gardner's termination. The appeal hearing will be set for May 22, 23 & 24. The panel will consist of three persons; Commissioner Knauf, former Commissioners Berger and Wood will be asked to serve and if not available, other Department Managers that were not involved in the termination would be asked to serve on the panel. The panel will be asked to make a nonbinding recommendation to the Grand Forks County Commission to whether or not the termination was justified. Motion carried.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the reclassification for the Buildings and Grounds Manager grade 12 to grade 13, effective May 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to approve the Lunseth Plumbing and Heating proposal to install isolation valves on the heating and cooling systems at the Correctional Center for a cost of \$6,753 and have the Chairman sign a letter written by the States Attorney to the HVAC engineer requesting reimbursement. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to approve a reclassification for Sheriff Deputy David Stromberg from a part-time employee to a full-time benefited employee, effective February 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Kvasager, to promote one Correctional Officer to a Sergeant. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Knauf, to send five Correctional Center Officers to the North Dakota Department of Corrections Academy, May 13<sup>th</sup> thru June 1, 2007 at a cost of \$5,077. Motion carried.

Moved by Triplett, seconded by Kvasager, to replace Judy Schumacher's position at the Correctional Center with a nurse that will work 24 hours per week instead of 20 hours per week. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board regarding the Merrifield Road Interchange.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Triplett, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm. The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2007 at 3:00pm.

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Gary Malm, Chairman  
Grand Forks County Commission

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Debbie Nelson, County Auditor